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WORLD BANK LOAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) had received a loan of Rs. 1000 crore from World Bank for its National Agriculture Technology Projects in 1998;

(b) if so, the detais thereof;

(c) the amount of loan spent so far;

(d) whether the Government have received some complaints regarding financial irregularities;

(e) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiries in this regard;

(f) if so, the outcome thereof; and
(g) the action taken against those found guilty?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Agriculture has received US$ 239.70 million or Rs. 861.30 crores (at August, 1997 price) including US $ 100.00 million as credit from the International Development Association (IDA) and US $ 96.8 million as loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).

(b) & (c) : Project is being implemented jointly by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).So far, an investment of Rs. 174.40 crores has been made under the project, which includes Rs. 94.5 crores in Research, Rs. 62.9 crores in Organization & Management System and the remaining Rs. 16.7 crores in Innovation in Technology Dissemination.

(d), (e), (f) & (g) : Some complaints relating to purchase of computers have been received which are being examined.